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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 3, 2003 (Paper No. 16) for which a response was due on September 3, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 3, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. This amendment is filed in conjunction with filing a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.